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1. MAJOR DAILIES HAVE CARRIED NO FURTHER EDITORIAL ATTACKS ON FRENCH POLICY SINCE SPANISH PROTEST NOTE ON EXILES DECEMBER 28, THOUGH PRESS CONTINUES GIVING CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE TO FRENCH POLICE MEASURES AGAINST ETA TERRORISTS. PRESS LAST WEEK REPORTED ARREST BY FRENCH POLICE OF THREE BASQUE EXILES RUMORED TO HAVE CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR ASSASSINATION OF CARREFRO IN DECEMBER 28 CLANDESTINE PRESS INTERVIEW NEAR BORDEAUX. PRESS ALSO STATED THAT ONE OF THREE PICKED UP, JOSE IGNACIO ABAITUA GOMEZA, WAS AMONG SIX ETA TERRORISTS CLAIMED BY SPANISH POLICE TO HAVE ORGANIZED ASSASSINATION PLOT. BUT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS APPEARING JANUARY 7 STATE THAT ABAITUA RELEASED AFTER QUESTIONING.

2. PRESS REPORTS HAVE ALSO FOCUSSED ON GOF REMOVAL OF SOME SIX ALLEGEDLY DANGEROUS BASQUE EXILES--INCLUDING ETA  
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ACTIVIST TOMAS PEREZ REVILLA--FROM FRENCH BASQUE REGION

TO NORTHERN FRANCE. WIDE COVERAGE GIVEN TO PIERRE MESSMER  
STATEMENT IN SARREBOURG JANUARY 5 REMINDING POLITICAL REFUGEES  
THAT THEY MUST RESPECT LAWS OF HOST COUNTRY.

3. FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF JANUARY 4 THE  
PROTEST NOTE PRESENTED AT QUAI BY SPANISH AMBASSADOR WAS  
MILDER IN TONE THAN GENERAL ANTI-FRANCE PRESS CAMPAIGN.  
HE COMMENTED THAT, WHILE SPANISH PRESS HAS PUBLISHED GREAT  
DEAL OF SEEMINGLY SOLID INFORMATION ON IDENTIFICATION AND  
PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF CARRERO'S MURDERS, FACT IS THAT NO  
CONVINCING EVIDENCE PRESENTED SO FAR THAT SIX ETA MEMBERS  
IDENTIFIED BY SPANISH POLICE IN FACT INVOLVED OR WHETHER  
THEY NOW IN FRANCE AS PRESS SUGGESTS. HE ADDED THAT GOF  
HAS STILL RECEIVED NO SPANISH REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION OF  
ANYONE IN CONNECTION WITH CRIME.

4. COMMENTING ON APPOINTMENT OF NEW SPANISH FOREIGN  
MINISTER, FRENCH EMBASSY OFFICIAL SAID GOF NATURALLY  
PLEASED WITH SELECTION OF CORTINA MAURI WHO CONSIDERED  
WELL INFORMED ON AND FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD FRENCH  
POLICIES.

5. SUBSEQUENTLY, MFA OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF THAT FOREIGN  
MINISTER CORTINA PLANS BRIEF VISIT TO PARIS IN NEAR  
FUTURE FOR FORMAL LEAVE-TAKING WITH HIGH LEVEL FRENCH  
OFFICIALS AND OTHER PROTOCOLARY STEPS CONNECTED WITH HIS  
TERMINATION AS AMBASSADOR.  
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